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St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Greenville, Ohio

Helping all people find a connection to God's community.

October, 2024

Dear People of God in the Episcopal Diocese of Southern Ohio,

As people of God, we know that our words matter. Our stories matter. In our baptism, we promise to proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ, and to respect the dignity of every person. When we go into the world, we seek and serve the marginalized, drawing our circle ever wider, knowing that Jesus calls us unequivocally to love our neighbor as ourselves.

Over the last several days, because of hate-filled words and fabricated stories, the community of Springfield, Ohio has been thrust into the national spotlight, prompting a barrage of racist threats against our Haitian neighbors. Let me be clear: these stories are fear-mongering and admitted lies. These dangerous falsehoods have resulted in a tense moment of palpable racism, bomb threats that have shut down schools and workplaces, and the cruel politicization of one child's tragic death.

Over the past week, I've been in conversation with the Rev. Michelle Boomgaard, Ph.D., rector serving Christ Church, Springfield, and am deeply grateful for her leadership. United with other faith leaders in Springfield, they have been strong in their witness against hate and calling the community toward compassionate welcome. They offer these ways to take action in support of the Haitian community in Springfield and in our own communities:

- Stop spreading misinformation and memes. The situation in Springfield is dangerous, and joking about it only exacerbates the tension on the ground and gives credibility to the conversation.
 - Engage Haitian businesses. With the barrage of bomb-threats and other abuse, utilizing our neighbors businesses can mitigate the effects of unforeseen closures and other safety provisions.
- Join me in giving to Springfield's **Haitian Community Help and Support Center**, a nonprofit by and for Haitians, helping to connect neighbors with local services and support networks.
- Act locally to support immigrants of all backgrounds in their transition to this new country, making clear our call to welcome the stranger in our midst.

Friends, as Episcopalians in Ohio, we must stand strong and use the words and stories Jesus taught us. Together, we can confront this hate with love, this fear with compassion, these words of evil with the words of the Good News: that the way of Jesus is the way of God's boundless and never ceasing love.

Yours in Christ,

The Rt. Rev. Kristin Uffelman White - September 10, 2024

Bishop of the Diocese of Southern Ohio

A Statement of Mission



As Episcopalians in the
Diocese of Southern Ohio,
we commit to:

- † Know the common story
Deut. 11:18-21
- † Proclaim our common
faith
Matt. 28:19-20
- † Pray our common prayer
1 Thess. 5:16-19
- † Drink the common cup
Mark 10:38
- † Serve the common good
Matt. 25:37-40

In the name of our Lord
and Savior Jesus Christ.

This is our common
ministry.

Date/Proper	Readings	Assistants	Flowers*
<p>October 6</p> <p>The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost</p>	<p>Genesis 2:18-24</p> <p>Psalm 8</p> <p>Hebrews 1:1-4.2:5-12</p> <p>Mark 10:2-16</p>	<p>Kim Bohler, Officiant</p> <p>Jan Dunwoody, Reader</p> <p>Fred Dean, Usher</p>	<p>Duane Johnson</p>
<p>October 13</p> <p>The Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost</p>	<p>Amos 5:6-7,10-15</p> <p>Psalm 90:12-17</p> <p>Hebrews 4:12-16</p> <p>Mark 10:17-31</p>	<p>Fr. Mujete, Officiant</p> <p>PJ Brumbaugh, LEM/ Prayers</p> <p>Gary Benesh, Reader</p> <p>Peter Hemer, Usher</p>	<p>Sharon Wintrow</p>
<p>October 20</p> <p>The Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost</p>	<p>Isaiah 53:4-12</p> <p>Psalm 90:12-17</p> <p>Hebrews 4:12-16</p> <p>Mark 10:17-31</p>	<p>Rev. Charles Brum- baugh, Officiant</p> <p>Chris Nelson, LEM/ Prayers</p> <p>Karen Burkett, Reader</p> <p>Fred Dean, Usher</p>	<p>Millie Mote</p>
<p>October 27</p> <p>The Twenty-third Sun- day after Pentecost</p>	<p>Jeremiah 31:7-9</p> <p>Psalm 126</p> <p>Hebrews 7:2-28</p> <p>Mark 10:46-52</p>	<p>Re. Brown Mujete, Officiant</p> <p>Kim Bohler, LEM/ Prayers</p> <p>Joe Grilliot, Reader</p> <p>Richard Mote, Usher</p>	<p>Marty Davis</p>

St. Paul's Episcopal Outreach Committee

"If we pop it..... they will come".

On Saturday, Sept. 7, we participated again in a FREE fresh hot popcorn and ice-cold bottled water give-away to visitors and attendees of Downtown Greenville's Rolling 50's Car show event. Our Outreach Committee started this give-away event several years ago. And this year was our biggest attendance and give-away event ever!

This year's event had beautiful weather and a blowout volume of over 650 car show entries. They were parked up and down Broadway, immediate side streets, totally around the downtown circle, and even our church parking lot, where we positioned our POPCORN Episcopal tent. By the end of our event, we had given away 375-400 bags of popped corn and approximately 180 bottles of ice-cold water.

Some may ask: What does free popcorn and bottled water have to do with outreach needs to help the poor and underserved members of our community? Our Outreach Committee feels that it is a two-fold outreach response. Although our offer is to come and enjoy FREE fresh hot popcorn and ice-cold water, we also inform our visitors that we gladly accept donations to our church's Outreach Program. And 100 percent of the donations will go to our continuing Outreach programs (our church sponsors the popcorn and bottled water supply costs). And this year's donations will be going to our partnership with Grace Resurrection Christian Center (GRCC), just down the street from St. Paul's. We currently donate personal hygiene and laundry supplies. Typically, only food items are allowed from Government subsidies/assistance programs. No personal hygiene items or laundry supplies, etc. And this year, through the generous donations of our many visitors in our 5-hour event, the donations amount we received was greatly increased over the 2023 amount of \$178 to \$320 for 2024!

This donation amount was presented to the Vestry in the September meeting for their approval to make a purchased goods donation to GRCC. The intention of our random acts of kindness outreach event at this car show is to show both our presence and willingness to be in the community and voicing our intention to help other people in need from our visitor's generous donations.

Hopefully, next year you may be able to stop by and visit or take a turn to help bag up some fresh popped corn. I also want to thank the members of our church that helped make this outreach event possible this year: Tim Burns, Kim Bohler, Linda Cassel, Jan Dunwoody, Jan Nelson, and John McCracken. And Ted Finnarn for his gracious offer to provide electricity for our popcorn machine from his law office building.



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Monthly Planner

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